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Pursuant to previous appointment, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Western Virginia and adjacent parts, convened in Chilhowee Church, Smyth County, Virginia, on Saturday, 28th of August, 1847.

At the request of the President, the Synodical sermon was preached by Rev. Elijah Hawkins, from 1 Tim. iv. 15, "Give thyself wholly to these things."

At 3 o'clock Synod was called to order, and opened by singing a hymn, and prayer by the President.

The roll was called and the lay delegates presented their certificates.

Synod being now regularly constituted, was found to consist of the following members:

Ministers.	*Address.*
Rev. JACOB SCHERER,	Rural Retreat, Wythe co., Va.
" SAMUEL SAYFORD,	Amsterdam, Botetourt, co., Va.
" ELIJAH HAWKINS,	Pleasant Hill, Smyth co., Va.
" JOHN J. GREEVER,	Burke's Garden, Tazewell co., Va.

Ministers.	*Address.*
Rev. JAMES A. BROWN,	Wytheville, Wythe co., Va.
" SOLOMON SCHAEFFER,	Blacksburg, Montgomery co., Va.
" GIDEON SCHERER,*	Big Lick, Roanoke co., Va.
" STEPHEN RHUDY,*	Sharon, Wythe co., Va.

LAY DELEGATES.

Mr. JOHN H. STINE,	From Rev. S. Sayford's charge.
" ALEX. UMBARGER,	" J. J. Greever's "
Capt. LILBOURN R. WARD,	" J. A. Brown's "
Mr. ISRAEL HARLESS,	" S. Schaeffer's "
" JAMES M'CAN,	" S. Rhudy's "
" JOHN NEFF,	" G. Scherer's "

The President now made his annual report, stating that this was his last official act.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Beloved Brethren:—Through a kind and merciful Providence, we have been spared during another Synodical year, and are again permitted to meet in the capacity of a Synod, for the purpose of transacting business of the greatest importance relative to the visible church of God.

During the past year, God in his wisdom and goodness, has seen fit to pour out his Spirit upon many of the people of our charge. Mourners have been converted, backsliders have been reclaimed, believers have been built up and established in the faith of the Gospel, and the boarders of our Zion have been considerably enlarged.

We are, therefore, under renewed obligations to love and adore God, for these manifestations of his goodness.

But we have reason to mourn on account of the inactivity and backwardness of many members of the church, to engage in the performance of their Christian duties; and the careless indifference manifested by many who are yet out of the church. So that while we rejoice over the conversion of souls, we are frequently compelled to exclaim with the prophet: "All day long have I stretched out my hands to a disobedient and gainsaying people."

The Lord in his providence, has, since we last met, removed by death, several of our most pious and zealous lay-men; but our loss we hope and believe, is their eternal gain.

I have performed no official acts during the past year.

We expect shortly now, to enter upon a discharge of those duties which the Great Head of the church has assigned us as a Synod—duties which

* Absent.

demand the wisdom of the serpent and the harmlessness of the dove. Let every member of our little body bear in mind, that we are assembled here for the purpose of consulting with each other, and devising plans best calculated to promote the glory of God and the good of men. And may the Great Head of the church govern and control us in all our deliberations; and after we have finished the work assigned us, crown us with the redeemed in Heaven. Amen.

J. J. GREEVER.

The election of officers for the ensuing year came next in order, which resulted as follows:

REV. J. J. GREEVER, *President.*
" J. A. BROWN, *Secretary.*
" G. SCHERER, *Treasurer.*

After the officers elected took their seats, the Rev. D. F. Palmer, of the Presbyterian church, was received as an advisory member.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the President's report be received and inserted in the minutes.

The minutes of the last session of Synod were placed in the hands of a committee, consisting of Rev. S. Sayford, Messrs. A. Umbarger and L. R. Ward, for examination and report.

All papers, letters, &c., designed for Synod, were called for and placed in the hands of the following committees:

Committee No. 1. Rev. E. Hawkins and Mr. L. R. Ward.
Committee No. 2. Rev. S. Sayford and Mr. A. Umbarger.
Committee No. 3. Rev. J. Scherer and Mr. John Neff.
Committee No. 4. Rev. J. A. Brown and Mr. Jas. M'Can.
Committee No. 5. Rev. E. Hawkins and Mr. J. H. Stine.
Committee No. 6. Rev. S. Schaeffer and Mr. A. Umbarger.
Committee No. 7. Rev. E. Hawkins and Rev. S. Sayford.

Resolved, That we adjourn until Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. S. Sayford.

At early candle light, Rev. Sayford preached from Matt. xxi. 28, 29, 30.

EXERCISES OF THE SABBATH.

The Lutheran Church being too small to accommodate the people for the exercises of the Sabbath, a kind invitation was tendered by our Methodist brethren to hold our sacramental meeting in their church. Accordingly a large concourse of people assembled on Sabbath morning, and was addressed by the Secretary, from Luke xxii. 19: "This do in remembrance of me." He was followed with a short address by Rev. E. Hawkins, after which a large number of communicants of different denominations, communed with their God and with each other around the sacramental board. At night services were again conducted by Rev. S. Sayford, from 1 Cor. xv. 25. Some of the other brethren also preached in different parts of the neighborhood.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 *o'clock.*

Synod met and was opened by singing a hymn, and prayer by the President.

The committee appointed to examine and report on the Minutes of last Synod reported as follows:

1. The first item of unfinished business is in regard to the Centenary Agent for the last year, who was to collect subscriptions and solicit further contributions. Synod will be pleased to hear from the Agent.

2. The second item is a resolution of Synod requiring the Secretary to preach a sermon at this meeting of Synod, on the subject of Catechetical Instruction Synod will be gratified to hear the Secretary on said subject.

3. The third item is a resolution requiring each minister to make greater efforts to procure funds for our Synodical Treasury. Synod will be pleased to hear from the brethren on the subject.

4. The fourth item is a resolution appointing delegates to sister Synods. The brethren are present and can report for themselves.

5. The fifth item is a resolution requesting the Secretary to procure a trunk for the use of Synod. Will the Secretary state whether this has been attended to?

Respectfully submitted,

S. SAYFORD,
L. R. WARD,
A. UMBARGER

The report was received, and the following disposition made of it:

In regard to the first item, as the Centenary Agent was absent, (having been called away on yesterday on account of sickness,) no action was taken upon it.

In regard to the fourth item, brother Sayford remarked, that he attended the meeting of the Virginia Synod and was kindly received. The Secretary stated that he regretted exceedingly that he was unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting of the N. Carolina Synod.

In regard to the fifth item, the Secretary stated that he had procured a trunk according to the direction of Synod; whereupon a committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Hawkins and Sayford, was appointed to examine and report on the same.

The committee reported that they had examined said trunk, and find it a very neat article, and believe it will answer the purpose for which it was intended.

When it was

Resolved, That the trunk procured by the Secretary for Synod be received, and that the cost, which is $4 12½, be paid from the Synodical Treasury.

SECOND COMMITTEE.

The committee No. 2, to whom were referred the Minutes of sister Synods, would report as follows:

1. The first is the Minutes of the Fortieth Session of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina. There are connected with this body eight ordained ministers and three licentiates. The officers are: Rev. S. Rothrock, President, Rev. J. B. Anthony, Secretary, Mr. Matthias Barrier, Treasurer. They have under their care 21 congregations, and report, baptisms 216; confirmations 149; communicants 2272. There is nothing of special interest to this body contained in the Minutes.

2. The second is the Minutes of the Fifteenth Annual Session of the Hartwick Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in New York. There are connected with this body seventeen ministers, of whom one is a Foreign Missionary in India. Its officers are: Rev. G. A. Lintner, D. D., President, Rev. David Eyster, Secretary, Mr. M. J. Stover, Treasurer. The paro-

chial report exhibits the following: congregations 25; baptisms 258; confirmed 56; communicants 3187; prayer meetings 20; Sunday Schools 26. This body shows a commendable zeal in behalf of all the benevolent institutions of the day. They have paid nearly $500 to different societies during the Synodical year.

Respectfully submitted,

S. SAYFORD,
A. UMBARGER.

Accepted and adopted.

On motion, Synod adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by brother Schaeffer.

A large collection of people having assembled for preaching, they repaired to the stand and were addressed by Rev. D. F. Palmer, from Matt. xxvi. 8: "To what purpose is this waste?"

MONDAY, 3 *o'clock, P. M.*

Synod was opened with prayer by brother Hawkins. The President being absent, Rev. S. Sayford was called to the chair.

THIRD COMMITTEE.

Your committee to whom were referred the papers marked No. 3, beg leave to report that said documents contain the Minutes of the following Synods:

1. The transactions of the Twenty-second Session of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of West Pennsylvania. The officers of this Synod are: Rev. J. Oswald, President, Rev. S Sprecher, Secretary, Rev. Prof. Jacobs, Treasurer. This Synod numbers 42 ministers, and 122 congregations. A resolution was passed at its last meeting to raise at least $710 during the Synodical year, for the aid of beneficiaries. These brethren appear to be very active laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. Their churches appear to be in a flourishing state, and very liberal.

2. The Proceedings of the First and Second Sessions of the Pittsburg Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church Its officers are: Rev. M. J. Steck, President, Rev. W. A. Passavant, Secretary, Mr. Geo. Weyman, Treasurer. This Synod numbers 12 ministers; 50 congregations, of which 12 are vacant; 19 preaching stations; 461 baptisms; 403 accessions to membership; 3473 communicants; 31 Sunday Schools; 1755 scholars; 200 teachers, and about 3000 volumes in their libraries. This Synod has a Home

Missionary Society, and an Academy. A Missionary has been appointed to labor among the destitute people in the Synodical district. From these facts we conclude, that the work of the Lord is prospering in the hands of these active brethren, and we pray that they may be abundantly useful.

3. Minutes of the Ninth Session of the Western District of the Evangelical Lutheran *General Synod* of Ohio and Adjoining States, in the German language. The officers of this body are: Rev. Mechling, President, Rev. Schweizerbarth, Secretary, Rev. Kuchler, Treasurer. From the Parochial Report it appears that this Synod numbers 21 ministers; 67 congregations; 1182 baptisms; 180 confirmations; 6577 communicants, and 29 Sunday Schools. It appears that the members of this Synod are favorable to the translation of the Formula Concordiæ, and Luther's Haus Postille.

Respectfully submitted,

J. SCHERER,
JOHN NEFF.

This report was accepted and adopted.

FOURTH COMMITTEE.

The documents placed in the hands of Committee No. 4, are the following:

1. The Minutes of the Miami Synod, comprising the Third and Fourth Sessions. This body is yet in its infancy, but is composed of active and zealous ministers who are doing much for the cause of Christ. It numbers 25 ministers; 1952 communicants. Its members are actively engaged in sustaining the Literary and Theological Institution at Springfield, Ohio, which is in a very flourishing condition. Our Minutes were duly received. Its officers are: Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller, President, Rev. A. J. Weddle, Secretary, Rev. Geo. Sill, Treasurer.

2. Minutes of the First Session of the Synod of Illinois. This is a new Synod, formed from the "Synod of the West." It is composed of seven ministers; 685 communicants. Its officers are: Rev. F. Springer, President, Rev. A. A. Trimper, Secretary, Rev. Wm. Hunderdosse, Treasurer. This body has resolved to establish a Literary and Theological Institute, to be located at Hillsboro', Illinois. We have no doubt this Institution will exert a happy influence upon our churches in the "Far West."

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. BROWN,
JAS. M'CAN.

Accepted and adopted.

FIFTH COMMITTEE.

1. The Minutes of the Tenth Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio, held in Wooster, October, 1846. This Synod consists of 10

ministers; 34 congregations; 317 baptisms; 149 confirmations; 2447 communicants. They are strictly Lutheran in principle, and actively engaged in building up the church in the Far West.

2. The Minutes of the North Carolina Synod. This Synod numbers 12 ministers; 24 congregations; 251 baptisms; 162 confirmations; 2082 communicants. Our Minutes were received and obtained the customary notice. They appointed a delegate to our Synod, Rev. J. B. Anthony. We regret that the delegate has not been able to attend. We notice that they have taken measures to unite more closely in the bonds of Christian affection, all the Southern Synods. They have an active and enterprising Education and Missionary Society connected with their Synod.

3. Minutes of the Virginia Synod. It numbers 18 ministers. They received our Minutes, and treated them with the customary courtesy. Rev. Baughman was appointed delegate to our Synod, and we regret that he could not attend. We hope this Synod will continue its correspondence by delegation with the Virginia Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

E. HAWKINS,
J. H. STINE.

Accepted and adopted.

SIXTH COMMITTEE.

The committee to whom was referred a letter from Rev. C. C. Baughman, would report that said letter contains his excuse for not attending our meeting as delegate from the Virginia Synod. Your committee recommend that he be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

S. SCHAEFFER,
A. MUBARGER.

Accepted and adopted.

Resolved, That brother Baughman be excused.

Adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by the Secretary.

At candle light brother Greever preached from Rev. vi. 17: "For the great day of his wrath is come," &c.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 *o'clock.*

Synod was opened by singing a hymn, and prayer by the President.

Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

SEVENTH COMMITTEE

The committee appointed to report on No. 7, would state that the same is a letter from Rev. G. Scherer, who states:

1. That he has been unavoidably prevented from attending this meeting of Synod. Your committee recommend that he be excused.

2. That the building committee of the Virginia Collegiate Institute, petitions Synod to loan them the money in the Centenary Treasury to carry on their buildings.

3. He suggests the propriety of employing a Missionary to labor in the bounds of Synod during the next Synodical year. Your committee recommend that this matter be referred to the Education and Missionary Society, and hope that it will be discussed and judiciously disposed of.

4. He gives us some information concerning the spiritual destitution of some forty families of Lutherans living in Mason County, in the North Western part of this State. He has received a letter from a Mr. Blessing, one of their number, who asks us to send them a minister.

5. He recommends a change in the time of the meeting of Synod, to the first of October, to afford the Professor and Students of the Virginia Collegiate Institute an opportunity of attending. Your committee recommend that the change be made.

6. He states that Pine Grove, one of his congregations, petitions Synod to hold its next session there.

Your committee recommend the passage of the following resolution proposed to Synod by the writer of the letter.

Resolved, That this Synod divide itself into two conferential districts; the one to be called the Eastern and the other the Western District, in each of which a conference meeting is to be held on each fifth Sabbath in the year as Synod may appoint.

Respectfully submitted,

E. HAWKINS,
S. SAYFORD.

This report was accepted, and the following disposition made of it.

1. *Resolved*, That brother G. Scherer's absence be excused.

2. *Resolved*, That the request of the building committee of the Virginia Collegiate Institute be granted; and that the treasurer of the Centenary fund be instructed to collect the money as soon as practicable and loan it to said committee, according to Synod's former directions concerning this fund.

3. *Resolved*, That the third item be referred to the Education and Missionary Society.

4. *Resolved*, 1. That this Synod sympathize with the Lutherans in Mason Co., Va., in their destitute situation, and regret that they have no minister to send them. But as they are within the bounds of our Synod we feel ourselves bound to use our utmost efforts to supply them as soon as possible.

Resolved, 2. That Synod will defray the expenses of any minister belonging to this Synod, who will make a pastoral visit to the destitute brethren in Mason.

Resolved, 3. That the Secretary be requested to write them a letter and obtain all the necessary information concerning them.

5. *Resolved*, That the 5th and 6th items be referred to the time of selecting the place and time for the next meeting of Synod.

6. *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of dividing Synod into Conferential Districts.

Brothers Sayford, Hawkins and Schaeffer compose said committee.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of dividing Synod into Pastoral Districts.

Brothers Hawkins and Brown compose this committee.

The following preamble and resolutions were also adopted:

Whereas, The Legislature of Virginia has heretofore refused to charter any church or congregation in the State, and thus render them unable legally, to hold any property whatever, not even a house of public worship or parsonage, whilst it has extended this right to other associations of minor importance, therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we regard this course of the Legislature as an infringement upon our religious and civil liberty.

Resolved, 2. That we will cheerfully co-operate with other Christian denominations in petitioning that body to grant acts of incorporation to churches and religious associations in the State of Virginia.

The following questions were enclosed in a letter to the President, requesting Synod to express an opinion upon them:

1. Is it right for a minister of the Lutheran Church to baptize the child of Lutheran parents, when the mother objects to stand up with her husband, to answer the questions as recorded in the Liturgy of said church?

2. Is it in accordance with the doctrine of the Lutheran Church to immerse adults?

In regard to these questions it was

Resolved, That they be answered in the affirmative. Though in reference to the latter, it would be a departure from the usages of the Lutheran Church to baptize by immersion.

Parochial reports were now called for and handed in.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

MINISTERS.	Congregations.	Baptisms.			Confirmed.	Communicants.	Deaths.	Expelled.	Prayer meetings.	Sunday Schools.	Scholars.
		Infants.	Adults.	Total.							
Rev. J. Scherer, - -											
" Elijah Hawkins, - -	4	32	7	39	82	282	17		3	[illegible]	
" Samuel Sayford, -	3	5	9	14	11	210	1		1	4	
" J. J. Greever, - -	4	20	3	23	26	304	7	1	2	1	
" G. Scherer, - -	2	13	15	28	22	218	2	4	2	3	90
" S. Rhudy, - - -											
" J. A. Brown, - -	4	26	2	28	27	197	10		2	1	55
" S. Schaeffer, - -	4	8	8	16	5	284			5		
Total,	21	104	44	148	173	1495	37	5	15	11	

SYNODICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Rev. E. Hawkins' Congregations.

Kimberling's Church,	$2 00	
Pleasant Hill,	1 00	
Collop's,	1 00	
Chilhowee,	8 46	$12 46

Rev. S. Sayford's.

Zion's,	$3 32	
Union,	2 52½	
Kopp's,	2 41½	
Glade Creek,	1 00	$9 26

Rev. J. J. Greever's

St. John's,	$4 37½	
Bethel,	1 47½	
Sharon,	1 65	
Burke's Garden,	2 27½	$9 77½

Rev. J. A. Brown's.

St. Peter's,	$2 21	
Zion's,	2 00	
St. Paul's,	1 50	
S. Fork,	1 75	$7 46

Rev. G. Scherer's.

Pine Grove and Zion's,	$6 47½	$6 47½
		$55 43

Brothers Hawkins and Harless were appointed to count the money and hand it to the Treasurer.

Resolved, That Mr. A. Umbarger have leave of absence after this morning's session.

Adjourned until 3 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by brother Hawkins.

TUESDAY, 3 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

Synod was opened with prayer by the President.

The following committees reported.

The committee appointed to report on the expediency of dividing the Synod into two Conferential Districts, beg leave to say that they cannot see that it would result in any great good to the church. The Synod is naturally divided into two such portions, and protracted meetings are frequently held in all the churches, and all the ministers are favorable to such meetings. Your committee, therefore, think that such a division is unnecessary, if not inexpedient.

Respectfully submitted,

E. HAWKINS,
S. SAYFORD,
S. SCHAEFFER.

Accepted and adopted.

The committee appointed to report on the expediency of dividing Synod into Pastoral Districts, beg leave to state, that although they admire the wisdom of the plan, and admit its necessity in densely populated countries to accomplish the design of the pastoral office, they nevertheless deem it inadvisable in reference to our Synod. 1st. Because, the Lutheran population is too sparse to support a minister in each. 2nd. The ministers are too few in number to fill them.

Respectfully submitted,

E. HAWKINS,
J. A. BROWN.

Accepted and adopted.

The following resolutions were also adopted:

Resolved, That as Mr. Simeon Scherer, of the Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, expects shortly to enter the ministry, and has expressed a desire to locate within the bounds of our Synod, he be recommended to the Lutheran churches in Giles County, as soon as he obtain license to preach the Gospel.

Resolved, That brothers Brown and Greever be requested to visit the destitute Lutherans in Lee county, Va., during the Synodical year.

Resolved, That brothers Schaeffer and G. Scherer be requested to visit the destitute members of our church in Mercer and Greenbrier, and brother Hawkins our destitute members in Washington county, during the Synodical year.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to address a friendly letter to the Tennessee Synod, expressing the wish of this body to hold a friendly and Christian correspondence with them.

Brothers Brown and Hawkins compose this committee.

Resolved, That Union Church, Floyd county, Va., be received in connexion with this Synod.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to ascertain the condition of a certain lot of land on Elk Creek, Grayson County, Va., which is said to belong to the Lutheran church, and if so, to dispose of it if practicable.

Brothers Hawkins and Brown compose this committee.

Resolved, That we view with pleasure the removal of the Virginia Collegiate Institute into the bounds of our Synod, and that we as a Synod, cordially recommend all young men disposed to receive an education, to avail themselves of the facilities which it affords.

Resolved, That this Synod deem it indispensably necessary to the peace and harmony of St. Paul's Church, Wythe county, that its members dispose of the land belonging to the congregation, or a part of it, and, therefore, recommend them to petition the Legislature of the State again for a right to sell it.

Resolved, That our delegates to the next General Synod be instructed to oppose any material change in our Hymn Book.

Contributions to the Centenary Fund were called for. The Agent being absent, sent the amount collected by him, which was, - - - - - - - $22 75

Rev. G. Scherer's collection, - - - 33 10

$55 85

Resolved, That we elect a Centenary Treasurer.

Jonas Huddle, Esq., was re-elected.

Resolved, That we dispense with a Centenary Agent dur-

ing the Synodical year, and that each minister collect what is yet due in his own congregations.

The Treasurer of Synod being absent, sent his report which stands as follows:

Received last Synod, - - - - - - - - -	$51 53
Paid out by order of Synod, - - - - - - -	43 16
Balance in Treasury, - - - - - - - -	$8 37

CLAIMS AGAINST SYNOD.

Resolved, That the following claims be paid out of the Treasury of Synod.

To Rev. E. Hawkins, for postage, - -	$ 60
To Rev. S. Sayford, expenses to Virginia Synod,	1 60
To the Secretary, for carriage on Minutes, &c.,	3 85

DELEGATES TO SISTER SYNODS AND TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

Rev. G. Scherer was chosen delegate to the next General Synod, and T. J. Myers lay delegate.

Rev. E. Hawkins was appointed delegate to N. Carolina Synod, and Rev. J. J. Greever to Virginia Synod.

Resolved, That our delegates to the General Synod be instructed to propose some Southern city, Winchester, Charleston, or Savannah, as a suitable place to hold the next convention of that body.

Synod now entered upon an election for the place of the next meeting of Synod. Pine Grove and St. Peter's were proposed. After counting the votes, it was found that St. Peter's had a majority.

It was, therefore,

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to to meet at St. Peter's Church, Wythe Co., Va., on Saturday next preceding the last Sabbath in August, 1848.

Resolved, That 500 copies of the Minutes of this Session of Synod be printed at the Publication Rooms, Baltimore,

and that the usual number of copies be sent to the Secretary of each Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be presented to the people of this neighborhood, for their kindness and hospitality towards us during our stay amongst them.

Resolved, That we now adjourn to meet at the time and place appointed by Synod.

The members of Synod now united on bended knees in prayer with brother Sayford, thanking God for his mercy to us during our meeting, and invoking his blessings in future upon his church and people.

At night brother Sayford preached from Jer. viii. 22: "Is there no balm in Gilead, &c.?" On Wednesday the Secretary preached from Isa. i. 18.

There being no business to be transacted in the Ministerium, it was not thought necessary to hold a session.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proceedings of this session of Synod.

J. A. BROWN,
Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

EDUCATION AND MISSIONARY SOCIETY

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD

OF

SOUTH WESTERN VIRGINIA.

The Education and Missionary Society met according to previous notice, at 9 o'clock, A. M., for the transaction of business. The Society was called to order, and after singing an appropriate hymn, a throne of divine grace was addressed by the President. A quorum of members being present, it was

Resolved, "That we go into an election of officers for the ensuing year."

The following were elected:

Rev. E. HAWKINS, *President.*
" S. SCHAEFFER, *Vice President.*
" L. C. GROSECLOSE, *Secretary.*
Mr. JONAS HOTTEL, *Treasurer.*

On motion it was

Resolved, "That the Board of Directors for last year be continued, viz: Revs. E. Hawkins, J. Scherer, J. A. Brown, Messrs. Jesse Repass, Esq., and T. J. Myers."

The reading of the Minutes was called for, after which the brethren were interrogated in reference to their compliance with resolution

1st. Of last year, viz: "That every minister connected with this Society, preach at least one sermon on the Education and Missionary cause in all the congregations belonging to his charge, for the benefit of this Society, during the present year."

The following brethren have complied with the above resolution, viz: Revs. G. Scherer, J. A. Brown and S. Sayford.

It was then

Resolved, "That inasmuch as some of the brethren have not complied with the foregoing resolution, they be requested to do so during the ensuing year."

The following are the collections taken up during the last year in compliance with said resolution, viz:

Rev. G. Scherer's Charge.

Zion's church,	paid	$8 20¾
Pine Grove church,	"	4 87½
Total,		$13 08¼

Rev. J. A. Brown's.

South Fork church,	paid	$4 00
St. Peter's,	" "	1 27
Zion's,	" "	1 66¼
St. Paul's,	" "	1 67½
Total,		$8 60¾

Rev. S. Sayford's.

Kopp's church,	paid	$1 42½
Union	" "	2 15
Floyd	" "	3 57½
Total,		$7 15
Sum total,		$28 84

The collection which was taken up on yesterday, after the interesting and instructve sermon preached by Rev. Solomon Schaeffer, was called for and laid on the table; also the collections taken up on the plan suggested by Rev. J. A. Brown. After the general collection, brother Brown proposed to give one dollar to the Education and Missionary purposes if nine others would do likewise. This list having been speedily filled, the Secretary made a similar proposition, which was also readily and promptly responded to.

Brother Brown then stated that he had been authorized by a lady present to say, that she would be one of ten ladies to give fifty cents each. At the same time brother Sayford made a similar proposition, both of which were immediately acceded to by prompt action.

The following are the subscriptions taken up on the plans referred to above, viz:

Rev. J. A. Brown's List.

Rev. J. Brown, paid	$1 00
" S. Schaeffer, "	1 00
Mr. A. Rosenbaum,	1 00
" H. Copenhaver, paid	1 00
" G. Dutton, "	1 00
" John Copenhaver,	1 00
" John Rosenbaum, paid	1 00
" Peter Neff,	1 00
" C. Copenhaver, paid	1 00
" Daniel Wolf, "	1 00
Total,	$10 00

Rev. L. C. Groseclose's List.

Rev. L. C. Groseclose, paid	$1 00
Capt. L. R. Ward,	1 00
Mr. Felty Copenhaver, paid	1 00
Amount carried up,	$3 00

Amount forward, - - - - - -	$3 00
Mr. Joseph Rosenbaum, - - - - -	1 00
" Frederick Copenhaver, paid - - -	1 00
Rev. E. Hawkins, - - - - - - -	1 00
Mr. Thomas Copenhaver, paid - - - -	1 00
" Jacob Wolf, " - - -	1 00
" W. H. Rosenbaum, - - - - -	1 00
Dr. C. Falcha, paid - - - - -	1 00
Total, - - - - - - -	$10 00

The Ladies' List.

Mrs. E. Wolf, paid - - - -	$ 50
" — Dutton, " - - - -	50
" J. Copenhaver, " - - - - -	50
" — Rosenbaum, " - - - -	50
" M. M. Croseclose, " - - - - -	50
" P. Neff, - - - - - - -	50
" Jacob Wassom, - - - - - -	50
" E. Copenhaver, paid - - - -	50
Miss E. J. Groseclose, " - - - -	50
" P. Rosenbaum, - - - - -	50
Mrs. B. Copenhaver, paid - - - - -	50
Mr. G. Snavely, - - - - - -	50
Rev. J. J. Greever, paid - - - - -	50
Total, - - - - - - -	$6 50

Rev. S. Sayford's List.

Rev. S. Sayford, paid - - - -	$ 50
Mr. T. J. Myers, " - - - -	50
" John Groseclose, " - - - -	50
" D. Copenhaver, " - - - -	50
" J. McCan, " - - - -	50
" Israel Harless, " - - - -	50
" — Neff, of Salem, Va. " - - - -	50
Amount carried up, - - - - -	$3 50

Amount forward,		$3 50
Mr. — Berger,	paid	50
" J. Neff,	"	50
" S. Copenhaver,	"	50
Mrs. A. C. Hawkins,	"	50
Total,		$5 50
Sum total of the several subscriptions,		$32 00
Amount taken up by public collection,		8 91
Total,		$40 91

It was then

Resolved, " That a committee be appointed to count the money and hand it over to the Treasurer, and take bond for the same."

The said committee consists of Revs. J. A. Brown and John Groseclose.

A list of delinquent subscribers for 1845 was now handed in, whereupon it was

Resolved, " That Mr. Rufus Repass, be continued the collecting agent for the ensuing year."

The following is a list of the delinquents of 1845, viz:

Revs. S. Schaeffer $1 50, and S. Rhudy, $2 00, Mr. Jesse Repass $2 00, Mr. John A. Brown $2 00, paid $1 50 —balance 50 cents. Noffsinger and Young $1 50, M. S. Myers $1 00, Miss C. Rhudy $1 00, Susannah Lenn $1 50, Miss Sarah Houndshell $1 00.

The report of the Board of Managers was now called for

Rev. E. Hawkins, the Chairman of the Board, reported, that the committee had ordered the Treasurer to divide the money equally betwixt Messrs. S. Scherer and D. Sprecker, the beneficiaries of this Society.

The committee to whom the money was delivered to count and hand over to the Treasurer, report, that they find

the whole amount collected by those brethren who took up collections in their charges, together with the collection in the church on yesterday, to be $70 75.

An application was made by proxy, by Mr. S. Scherer, for $30 00, to enable him to finish his Theological studies at Gettysburg.

Resolved, That the sum of $30 00 be loaned to Mr. Scherer.

Mr. John Boon, of Roanoke, was recommended to this Society by Revs. S. Sayford and G. Scherer, as a young man of piety and talent, asking it to loan him money in order to prosecute his studies with a view to the ministry.

On the recommendation of these brethren, it was

Resolved, That Mr. Boon be received as a beneficiary of this Society, and that he accordingly receive money, as shall hereafter be designated.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That the balance of the money in the Treasury, after Mr. Scherer receives $30 00, be equally divided between Mr. John Boon, of Roanoke, and David Sprecker, who is not at Wittenberg College.

At the suggestion of a lady present, the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz :

Resolved, That the female members within the bounds of our Synod, be requested to contribute what they can towards the support of our Foreign Missionary, brother W. Gunn, who is now laboring in India.

The hour of preaching having arrived, it was

Resolved, That the Secretary forward a copy of the Minutes of this Society's meeting, to the Publication Rooms, to be appended to the Minutes of Synod.

Resolved, That the Education and Missionary Society now adjourn to meet at the time and place of the next meeting of Synod.

The meeting was now closed with singing and prayer by the President.

I certify that this is a true copy of the Minutes of the Education and Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Western Virginia.

L. C. GROSECLOSE,
Secretary.